THE MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SEVENTY-FIRST DAY

Wednesday the 6th September, 1961.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Vidhana Soudha Bangalore at One of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (Sri S. R. KANTHI, B. A., LL..B.) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given)

EMPLOYEES IN THE CO-OPERATIVE COTTON MILLS AT HUBLI.

*Q.—875. Sri F. H. MOHSIN (Hubli City).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the total number of persons now working in the Co-operative Cotton Mills at Hubli ;

(*b*) the number among them who are the ex-employees working under the old management ;

(*c*) whether they are aware that there is a large number of ex-employees who have not yet been provided employment in the new Co-perative Mills ;

(*d*) the extent of monetary assistance extended by the Government to the said Mills by way of loans, shares, etc ;

(*e*) whether it was not one of the conditions laid down by the Government while extending assistance to the said Mills that the ex-employees should be given preference while recruiting personnel for the Mill ;

(*f*) the steps they propose to take to ensure employment to the ex-employees in the Mills ?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) 1,485,

(*b*) 1,333.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Rs 25 lakhs have been subscribed towards share capital by Government.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) No steps are proposed to be taken by Government in this behalf; since they have no direct responsibility in this behalf.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—May I know the number of employees under the employment of the old Mills?

†Sri B. D. JATTI.—Roughly 3,000.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—From the answer furnished, it appears that about 17,00 of the workers of the old mills are out-of employment. What steps do Government propose to take to get them employment?

Sri B. D JATTI.—The latest information I have is that the total number of workers employed in the mill now is 1,600 and out of this nearly 99% have been drawn from the workers of the old mills. Some of the technicians have gone outside to Sholapur and other places.

Sri F H. MOHSIN.—When the Government have subscribed as much as 25 lakhs, was it not their duty to have insisted on the employment of the old workers?

Sri. B. D. JATTI.—No new concern will agree for the imposition of such a condition. When a new concern takes over the business of an old concern, the choice of employees rests with the successor.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—Am I right if I presume that one of the reasons for subscribing 25 lakhs to the share capital was to obtain employment to the old workers?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—It was not merely the interests of the employees that is involved but also the general prosperity of the area.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—Has any loan been advanced to the co-operative mills above this 25 lakhs of rupees.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—So far no loan has been advanced.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—Is it a fact that complaints have been received from the old employees that they are not being entertained by the present management?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—I have already said that out of the total number of workers at present employed by the factory, nearly 99% are from the old employees and when the capacity of the factory increases, more workers would be employed.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—In view of the fact that many more workers are awaiting employment would the Government instruct the concerned mill to appoint them as and when vacancies arise.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Legally we cannot force the new mill to employ the old workers but actually it has happened that 99% of the workers are from the old workers.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Has the new mill gone into full production?

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†Indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the Member concerned.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—The total number of spindles now working is 10,000. The total capacity of the old mill was 36,000 and that of the new mill is 12,000 bringing the total to 48.000. Out of this, 10,000 spindles are working and every month 2,500 spindles are being added.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—When the Government invested 25 lakhs are there not conditions in the agreement giving Government powers to have a say in the management, recruitment etc.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—So long as the money of the Government is not paid, Government will have a say in the management.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Out of the 1,445 workers, how many are newly recruited.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—I have said that 99% are from the old workers. 1% are new comers.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—May I know if the Government would get a share in the profits or any interest on the share capital subscribed?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—We are bound to get proportionate profits.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—I presume Government have nominated their Directors. Will the Government instruct the Directors appointed by them to see that the old employees are given preference.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—We cannot impose that condition on the management but as a matter of fact old workers are being taken in large numbers. I have said 99% of the present workers come from the old workers.

GADAG AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKET COMMITTEE.

*Q.—934. Sri M. S. PATTAN (Ramdurg).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the area belonging to the Gadag Agricultural Produce Market Committee is sufficient to carry on the business ;

(*b*) if so, the reasons for taking up the acquisition proceedings to acquire some survey numbers in Betageri Village for the Committee ;

(*c*) the action taken on the representations of the owners requesting to drop the acquision proceedigs ;

(*d*) whether they are aware that some portion of the land belonging to the said Market Committee has been given to the Hulkoti Co-operative Education Society ?